

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 10 and 13 have been amended as follows:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): A thermosetting liquid coating composition for an aluminum wheel comprising:

(A) a hydroxy- and carboxy-containing acrylic resin having a hydroxyl value of 90 to 150 mg KOH/g and an acid value of 1 to 30 mg KOH/g, the acrylic resin being obtained by copolymerizing a monomer mixture comprising 10 to 50 wt.% of a

C₆₋₁₈ alkyl ester of (meth)acrylic acid, 8 to 40 wt.% of a secondary hydroxy-containing unsaturated monomer, and a carboxy-containing unsaturated monomer; and

(B) an amino resin.

Claim 2 (original): The coating composition according to claim 1 wherein the proportion of amino resin (B) is 5 to 70 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of acrylic resin (A) on a solids basis.

Claim 3 (original): The coating composition according to claim 1 wherein the secondary

hydroxy-containing unsaturated monomer is at least one member selected from the group consisting of 2-hydroxypropyl acrylate, 2-hydroxypropyl methacrylate, and unsaturated monomers obtained by esterifying a carboxy-containing unsaturated monomer with an epoxy-containing compound.

Claim 4 (original): The coating composition according to claim 1 which further comprises an epoxy resin (C).

Claim 5 (original): The coating composition according to claim 1 which is a primer coating composition for an aluminum wheel.

Claim 6 (original): The coating composition according to claim 1 which is a top clear coating composition for an aluminum wheel.

Claim 7 (original): A method of coating an aluminum wheel comprising:

- (1) applying the primer coating composition of claim 5 to an aluminum wheel, optionally followed by baking; and
- (2) applying a colored thermosetting coating composition to the primer coat obtained in step (1), followed by baking.

Claim 8 (original): A method of coating an aluminum wheel comprising:

- (1) applying the primer coating composition of claim 5 to an aluminum wheel, optionally followed

by baking;

(2) applying a colored or lustrous thermosetting coating composition to the primer coat obtained in step (1), optionally followed by baking; and

(3) applying a clear coating composition to the colored or lustrous coat obtained in step (2), followed by baking.

Claim 9 (original): A method of coating an aluminum wheel comprising:

(1) applying a liquid primer coating composition to an aluminum wheel, optionally followed by baking;

(2) applying a colored or lustrous thermosetting coating composition to the primer coat obtained in step (1), optionally followed by baking; and

(3) applying the top clear coating composition of claim 6 to the colored or lustrous coat obtained in step (2), followed by baking.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A method of coating an aluminum wheel comprising:

(1) applying the ~~primer~~ coating composition of claim [[5]] 1 to an aluminum wheel, optionally followed by baking;

(2) applying a colored or lustrous thermosetting coating composition to the primer coat obtained in step (1), optionally followed by baking; and

(3) applying the ~~top clear~~ coating composition of claim [[6]] 1 to the colored or lustrous coat obtained in step (2), followed by baking.

Claim 11 (original): A method of coating an aluminum wheel comprising:

- (1) applying a powder primer coating composition to an aluminum wheel, followed by baking;
- (2) applying the primer coating composition of claim 5 to the powder primer coat obtained in step (1), optionally followed by baking;
- (3) applying a colored or lustrous thermosetting coating composition to the primer coat obtained in step (2), optionally followed by baking; and
- (4) applying a clear coating composition to the colored or lustrous coat obtained in step (3), followed by baking.

Claim 12 (original): A method of coating an aluminum wheel comprising:

- (1) applying a powder primer coating composition to an aluminum wheel, followed by baking;
- (2) applying a liquid primer coating composition to the powder primer coat obtained in step (1), optionally followed by baking;
- (3) applying a colored or lustrous thermosetting coating composition to the primer coat obtained in step (2), optionally followed by baking; and
- (4) applying the top clear coating composition of claim 6 to the colored or lustrous coat obtained in step (3), followed by baking.

Claim 13 (currently amended): A method of coating an aluminum wheel comprising:

- (1) applying a powder primer coating composition to an aluminum wheel, followed by baking;

(2) applying the ~~primer~~ coating composition of claim [[5]] 1 to the powder primer coat obtained in step (1), optionally followed by baking;

(3) applying a colored or lustrous thermosetting coating composition to the primer coat obtained in step (2), optionally followed by baking; and

(4) applying the ~~top-clear~~ coating composition of claim [[6]] 1 to the colored or lustrous coat obtained in step (3), followed by baking.